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PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

PLAGUE-INFECTED SQUIRRELS FOUND.

During the week ended April 27, 1912, positive diagnosis of plague was made in 18 ground squirrels collected in Alameda County, Cal. The squirrels were found as follows: April 13, 1 squirrel; April 15, 4 squirrels; April 16, 3 squirrels; April 17, 3 squirrels; April 18, 3 squirrels; April 20, 4 squirrels.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 9,198 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended April 27, 1912.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	Apr. 20, 1912.....	153 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	Sept. 23, 1911.....	364 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	do.....	do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	do.....	do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	Do.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	do.....	do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	None.....	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	Apr. 27, 1912	4	1 224	186	.....
Oakland.....	do.....	33	2 796	598	.....
San Francisco.....	do.....	6	3 1,871	1,402	.....
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	do.....		915	890	.....

¹ *Mus norvegicus*, 190; *Mus musculus*, 34.

² *Mus norvegicus*, 630; *Mus musculus*, 165; *Mus rattus*, 1.

³ *Mus norvegicus*, 922; *Mus musculus*, 465; *Mus rattus*, 257; *Mus alexandrinus*, 227. (Identified.)

SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

During the week ended April 27, 1912, 720 ground squirrels collected in Alameda County, Cal., were examined for plague infection. Eighteen were found to be plague infected.

CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 18, 1912.**

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Boston, Mass.	2	1	La Crosse, Wis.	1	.....
Carbondale, Pa.	1	1	Nashville, Tenn.	2	1
Chicago, Ill.	1	8	New Orleans, La.	1	1
Cincinnati, Ohio.	1	3	Newport, Ky.	.....	1
Cleveland, Ohio.	1	1	New York, N. Y.	8	3
Columbus, Ohio.	1	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1	2
El Paso, Tex.	2	.....	St. Louis, Mo.	1	3
Haverhill, Mass.	3	.....	San Antonio, Tex.	1	2
Johnstown, Pa.	1	.....	San Francisco, Cal.	.....	1
Kansas City, Kans.	7	.....	Washington, D. C.	1	1
Kansas City, Mo.	3	7	Worcester, Mass.	.....	1

LOUISIANA, JAN. 1 TO MAY 12, 1912.

The following statement of cerebrospinal meningitis in Louisiana was taken from the Quarterly Bulletin of the State Board of Health, issued May 1, 1912:

Jan. 1 to May 12, 1912.

Parish.	Cases.	Parish.	Cases.
Avozelles	2	Orleans	44
Bienville	6	Ouachita	2
Caddo	141	Rapides	1
Calcasieu	8	Richland	1
Caldwell	1	Sabine	2
De Soto	8	St. Mary	1
East Baton Rouge	4	Tangipahoa	1
Jefferson	2	Vernon	13
Lafayette	1	Webster	1
Lincoln	2	Winn	1
Madison	2	Total	250
Morehouse	5		
Natchitoches	1		

ERYSIPELAS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 18, 1912.**

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Altoona, Pa.	1	1	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	1	.....
Boston, Mass.	.....	3	Oklahoma, Okla.	.....	1
Cincinnati, Ohio.	1	1	Passaic, N. J.	1	.....
Cleveland, Ohio.	6	1	Philadelphia, Pa.	7	.....
Harrisburg, Pa.	1	.....	Saginaw, Mich.	.....	1
Hartford, Conn.	2	.....	St. Louis, Mo.	10	2
Jersey City, N. J.	.....	1	San Francisco, Cal.	6	.....
Los Angeles, Cal.	1	.....	Toledo, Ohio.	.....	1
New York, N. Y.	28	8	Williamsport, Pa.	1	1